

NEARLY everyone would walk on crutches if those who are financially crippled used them.

HOME EDITION

The Topeka State Journal

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WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Partly cloudy and continued cold; probably frost tonight.

THIS EDITION 2 CENTS

DEFACTOS IN BATTLE SLAY 52 VILLISTAS

Kill 42 at Parras and 10 in Fray at Cieneguilla.

Reyes Band Made Surprise Attack on Mining Town.

WRECK A PASSENGER TRAIN

Fatalities Reported in Disaster on Mexican Central.

Envoy to Deal With Surrender Fails; Is Sent Back.

Torreón, Mex., April 5.—A Villa band under Simon Reyes and Chacon last Saturday attempted to surprise the garrison in the mining town of Parras, several miles east of here. The garrison, under Col. J. M. Gonzales, drove off the bandits, killing 42 of them and capturing a quantity of arms and a number of horses.

Ten Killed.

El Paso, April 5.—In an attack on Villa forces at Cieneguilla yesterday General Cavazos killed ten and scattered the band according to a report given out today by General Gavira in Juarez.

Cavazos said that he would continue to follow up the fugitives, but called on General Gutierrez to rush forces against Satevo Nalva Santa de Trinidad and other points where they were supposed to be heading. His own losses, reported Cavazos, amounted to a man wounded and a horse killed.

No Surrender Yet.

Torreón, April 5.—Efforts to arrange the surrender under an amnesty granted by General Canuto Reyes and other Villa leaders of the Torreón district are being hastened. Meanwhile it is reported that a band of Villa supporters have completely alienated the bandits cause in the neighborhood of Sombreret by wrecking a passenger train.

This took place last Thursday a number of people being killed. Sombreret lies between Durango and Cuatrecasas, on a branch of the Mexican Central railroad.

Following General Reyes offer to make peace with the Carranzistas on the ground that he was weary of useless bloodshed, General Trevino, military commander here, named a peace commission to confer with the chief. This commission returned today to a meeting with Reyes, reporting that no agreement had been reached. General Trevino immediately ordered it to return to another conference.

BUGS VS. RUSSELL

Sox Use One Pitcher Straight Thru in Today's Game.

Cy Marshall Joins Topeka Club This Afternoon.

Today's Line Up.
White Sox:—
Lietbold, cf.
McMullen, 2b.
J. Collins, cf.
New, 1b.
Morality, 3b.
Fautsch, ss.
Wahli, rf.
Lapp, c.
Mayer, c.
Russell, p.

"I don't believe there is a pitcher on our squad who is not in condition to throw a whole game," J. Collins, of the White Sox second team, stated before today's game with the Savages at Western league park, "and I expect Russell to throw straight through this afternoon."

The Savage pitchers are not in as good condition as this, partly on account of the chilly weather they have had and partly because they have not been training as long, and for this reason Lattimore announced that he probably would not work Grover more than three or four innings.

Cy Marshall, the new pitcher who was formerly with the Buffalo Bisons and the Philadelphia Nationals, arrived today and was out in uniform. Both Savage and Lattimore expect him to prove one of the best pitchers on the club if he lives up to his past reputation.

(The Postscript edition of the State Journal on the streets at 5 o'clock will carry an account of today's game in detail.)

GERMAN CASUALTIES DURING WAR 300,000

Paris, April 5.—Germany's casualties for the first quarter of 1916 are unofficially estimated at 300,000. The principal losses were suffered at Verdun, where the reserve is 700,000. She has 175,000 men fighting with the Austrians, 15,000 with the Turks and 10,000 with the Bulgarians.

Verdun Did Not Fall; American Loses Big Bet

New York, April 5.—"Two thousand dollars to one thousand that Verdun falls before we reach port."

That was the wager made by a passenger, well known in banking circles, to an Englishman on board the steamer Nieuw Amsterdam at Palm Beach. As soon as the liner reached New York the principals in the wager and their friends assembled in the smoking room and the wager was paid.

"I'm satisfied with 50 cents on the dollar," said the Britisher.

The American was game and paid over the whole amount.

FOUR SHIPS DOWN

Spaniard, Vigo, Torpedoed and Crew Set Adrift.

One Life Was Lost on British Steamer Bendow.

London, April 5.—Four more vessels, three of them neutral ships, have been sunk in the past twenty-four hours with the loss of one life.

The British steamer Bendow, from Liverpool, was sunk with the loss of one life.

The Spanish steamer Vigo was torpedoed in the Bay of Biscay after the crew had been allowed to take to the boats. The Spanish sailors were picked up by a British steamer twenty-four hours later and taken into Gibraltar.

The Norwegian steamer Arena has been sunk in the Kattegat. Her crew was saved.

The Dutch schooner Eliza Helena was torpedoed in the North sea. The crew was landed at Noordhinder.

The Vigo was owned by Gonzales and Fernandez of Villagarcia. She was built in 1878 and was 250 feet long and 32 feet beam. The Bendow was of 3,681 gross tons and was built in 1909 for J. Holt & Company of West Hartlepool. She was 247 feet long and 51 feet beam.

London, April 5.—The crew of the Norwegian steamer Arena, 1,019 tons gross, has been taken to Ymuden by the trawler Clare. A Reuter dispatch from Ymuden says the Arena was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.

R. R. ISSUE WAITS

Anxious for Reply to War Department's Late Message.

Pershing Urges Haste to Fulfill Carranza Promise.

Washington, April 5.—Latest developments in the Mexican situation continued administration officials today that the success of the American forces now largely depends on the immediate completion of the arrangement for the Mexican railroads.

Officials anxiously awaited a reply to renewed requests, sent to General Carranza through special Agent Rodgers at Queretaro, that the de facto government fulfill its promise to permit the commercial shipment of supplies to General Pershing's forces in Mexico.

Appeals for haste in getting the railway supply system in operation have been made by General Pershing. He wants to use not only the Mexican Northwestern, but the Mexican National and Santa Fe, which run south from Juarez through Chihuahua to Torreón.

It is understood he is anxious to move troops over the latter road as well as supplies.

The war department announced today that more troops have been sent to Mexico from the concentration point at Columbus to guard the extended line of communications. Secretary Baker would not designate what regiments were used.

OFFER OF \$54,000

Commercial Club Ready to Make Proposition to Elks.

A tentative offer of \$54,000 by the Elks' building has been drawn up by the sub-committee of the Commercial club and only waits the signatures of C. B. Merriam and John S. Dean before it is presented to the proper officials of the Elks club for their consideration. Other members of the committee who have signed written proposals are Horace Hall, E. L. Cope-

land and W. H. Davis. While there are some in the Elks club dissenting to the proposition it is believed a majority favor it. W. O. Anderson, a prominent Elks and owner of some of the bonds, was interviewed this morning in regard to the matter.

It is just the same proposition as that of a man living in a house two times too large for him," said Mr. Anderson. "If he can sell it for the money he puts into it there is no reason why he shouldn't and then he can build a cheaper home just as adequate for his needs. I can see no reason why we shouldn't favor the project."

If the Elks accept the Commercial club offer a campaign will start immediately to raise sufficient stock to purchase the building.

MORE TRUCKS TO MEX.

War Department Rushes 108 Additional Transport Vehicles to Funston.

Washington, April 5.—To meet the serious shortage of transportation facilities in Mexico, Secretary of War Baker today ordered, at General Funston's request, additional automobile trucks 148 in all—two tank trucks for carrying gasoline.

DENY PARDON TO SLAYER OF GOV. GOEBEL

Famous Kentucky Political Feud Again Revived.

Youtsey, After 16 Years in "Pen," Wants Freedom.

ONLY ONE OF 6 NOW IN PRISON

Seen With Rifle, but Still Denies Firing Shot.

Tragedy on Day Before Goebel Declared Governor.

Frankfort, Ky., April 5.—Henry Youtsey, convicted 16 years ago of complicity in the assassination of Governor William Goebel and sentenced to life imprisonment, last night was refused a parole by the state board of prison commissioners. The board is composed of three persons. Two voted against the parole.

Youtsey is the only person among the six accused of complicity in the assassination who is serving a prison term. The others either were acquitted or granted executive clemency.

Henry E. Youtsey's application for freedom came after sixteen years spent in jail and prison cells during which time hundreds of persons of every political faith have labored to secure his liberty. Prominent among those active in his behalf for many years was Mrs. J. E. Cantrell, who occupied the bench in the Franklin circuit court during the stirring times following the murder of Governor William Goebel in the winter of 1900.

Everybody Well Armed.

Under the administration of Gov. William O. Bradley, Youtsey was employed in the office of the state auditor and it was known that he was to be secretary to Gov. W. S. Taylor in the event the latter defeated Goebel in the gubernatorial race in 1909.

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Plows Up Fuzzy Snake With Back Action Base--Ha!

Beaumont, Texas, April 5.—Did you ever see a blind, four-legged snake, with four legs, which crawls backward? J. W. Klinebar did. He plowed one up on his truck farm near here. "T. R." has nothing on him as a discoverer. He took the thing home and is keeping it in a glass jar.

The reptile is 35 inches long and 3 1/2 around. Its back, head and tail are jet black and its sides are a light brown. It has a long wheel base, two speeds backward, and none forward. When it is irritated it turns yellow. Nobody knows what it eats because the darned thing has gone on a hunger strike.

RAPS DEMOCRATS

U. S. Never So Low in Eyes of the World.

Myers Delivers Address to Indiana G. O. P. Convention.

Indianapolis, April 5.—The state Republican convention opens here this afternoon. Two candidates for United States senator and candidates for all state offices except governor will be nominated. Thirty delegates to the national convention also will be selected and a platform adopted.

The nominations will be made Thursday, the platform adopted and delegates elected to the national convention. There are contests for all the state offices except secretary of state.

The selection of delegates at-large also is expected to cause a sharp fight on the convention floor.

Quincy A. Myers, former judge of the state supreme court, who as temporary chairman of the Republican state convention delivered the keynote address of the 1216 campaign in Indiana attacked the foreign and Mexican policy of the national administration.

Charles W. Fairbanks, Indiana's candidate for the Republican nomination for president, Judge Myers said:

"An eminent and experienced statesman, Mr. Myers, said: 'The French trenches and there had to drop to the ground under heavy blasts of shrapnel and sustained musketry. The second and third lines of the French were stopped far in the rear by machine gun fire.'

The German in the first line were in a very critical position. Shrapnel worked havoc among them. To charge was out of the question and as long as the French were in the position they had advanced they were exposed to a devastating fire. The second and third lines were little better off, for they were exposed to a devastating fire. The entire attacking force finally adopted the only move open, retreating under a raking fire to Chauffeur wood."

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Heavy Precipitation in Southwestern Part of the State.

Heavy rains fell in several parts of Kansas last night although the promised moisture at Topeka failed to materialize. The heaviest rains were in the southwestern part of the state where rain was most needed. The greatest amount of precipitation was reported at Coldwater, Comanche county, where the total was 1.32 inches. Wichita received 1.14 inches last night and it was still raining there this morning. Temperatures were generally low over Kansas and little change is expected in the next 48 hours. The lowest reading in the state was 28 degrees at Phillipsburg.

The forecast calls for partly cloudy and continued cold weather tonight and tomorrow. The mercury at Topeka tonight probably will reach the same mark as this morning's low reading which was 43 degrees at 6 o'clock. The early part of the morning was foggy and raw, but before noon the sky had cleared and the day was fair. Clouds were in evidence in the greater part of the state. The lowest temperature on record for this date is 23 degrees, established in 1891. The high record, 86 degrees, occurred in 1893.

The wind was shifty today and very light. It finally settled in the north at 10 o'clock. The wind was only a mile an hour. Temperatures averaged one degree above normal. Following are hourly readings for the day furnished by the weather bureau:

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HEAD WAS BLOWN OFF

Goessel Blacksmith Killed by Explosion; Brother Fatally Hurt.

Goessel, Kan., April 5.—John Bergen, a blacksmith, was killed instantly by a blacksmith, Cornelius Bergen, probably while working on a gasoline tank on which they were working exploded. The men were using a hot soldering iron that set off some gasoline in the tank. John Bergen's head was completely severed from his body. Windows were broken in buildings a quarter of a mile distant.

DEMOCRAT IS MAYOR

Non Partisans Carry Milwaukee for All But Chief Executive.

Milwaukee, April 5.—City Attorney Daniel A. Hoan, social Democrat, will be the next mayor of Milwaukee having defeated Mayor G. A. Bading, non-partisan, yesterday's election by a majority estimated from incomplete returns at between 1,000 and 1,500 votes.

The official returns from 128 out of 143 precincts gave Hoan 20,187 and Bading 29,938.

John I. Drew, treasurer and Louis M. Kotecki, controller, both non-partisans, defeated their social Democratic opponents by approximately six thousand votes.

The complexion of the new common council will be non-partisan. According to the returns all the social Democratic candidates for alderman at large, including former Mayor Emil Seidel, were defeated.

KEEP BABIES IN FRANCE

150,000 War Orphans Will Not Be Sent to United States.

Paris, April 5.—The movement to send 150,000 war orphans to the United States has been abandoned in which they would be adopted on condition that France pay 10 cents daily for their keep, is likely to be killed by a French decree.

It is pointed out that France cannot suffer such a serious drain on her child population and that in any case the children could not be properly brought up on such small payment.

REPUBLICANS CARRY TULSA

Tulsa, Okla., April 5.—The entire Republican ticket with the exception of the candidate for school treasurer, was elected here. John H. Simmons was elected mayor by a plurality of approximately 1,000.

DEMOCRATS WIN IN MUSKOGEE

Muskogee, Okla., April 5.—By the largest majority ever given a party ticket in Muskogee the Democratic ticket carried the city in the municipal election. J. C. Wyand was elected mayor over W. S. Warner, Republican, by a majority of 1,443.

REPUBLICANS SWEEP BOONVILLE

Boonville, Mo., April 5.—The entire Republican city ticket was elected over the Democratic ticket by a majority of 1,443.

FRENCH CLAIM DAY'S VICTORY IN BIG BATTLE

Germany Tries New Formation in Verdun Drive.

Fails Dismally Under Decimating French Fire.

THREE LINES MOWED DOWN

Leave Half of Number Dead on Gory Field.

French Regained Ground on Caillette Front.

Paris, April 5.—The French gained ground north of Caillette wood, northeast of Verdun in the course of several engagements during the night the war department announced this afternoon.

West of the Meuse there were no events of importance. Twenty mines which were thrown into the Meuse at St. Mihiel by the Germans were exploded by the French with no damage.

Inverness Lost Ground.

In yesterday's fighting around Verdun the German lost considerable ground and again sustained heavy casualties notwithstanding the new formation of their attacking parties.

At 2 p. m. after the ground had been battered by several hundred tons of projectiles, a thin line of riflemen advanced from Chauffeur wood a little to the northwest of Douaumont. The Germans advanced by short bounds towards the French trenches, situated about 200 yards south of the village. A second and third line followed at equal distances, with small supporting and attacking columns in the rear. This formation has been noticed during the last few days and is regarded by the French as proof that the Germans have been sorely punished in their previous assaults in several ranges.

Within 50 Yards of French.

But the change proved ineffective. The first line of riflemen advanced to within fifty yards of the French trenches and there had to drop to the ground under heavy blasts of shrapnel and sustained musketry. The second and third lines of the French were stopped far in the rear by machine gun fire.

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Candidate for Council Wins Contest by Lot

Montgomery, Mo., April 5.—David Jennings and L. A. Kirn tied for the city council in yesterday's election and rather than have a special election called to settle the difficulty, Jennings suggested the place be chosen by chance.

The names were placed in a hat and the city clerk drew out Jennings. The council then voted that he had been legally elected, Kirn concurring.

SINGLE-HANDED, GERMAN CAPTURES STEAMER; SAYS GIRL FINANCED PLOTS



Ernest Schiller. (c) Underwood.

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